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Minutes December 20, 2018

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

SPECIAL LICENSES:

1. Special Licenses:

- Tamu Samaaj of Boston/ACEC 47 Nichols Ave Approved 2-0
December 29, 2018/ One Day All Alcohol License/ New Year Celebration

A representative of the applicant appeared in support of the application. The event will be advertised among members of the Tamu Samaaj community, and tickets will be sold in advance. All alcohol servers will be TIPS certified and wristbands will be used to identify those attendees 21 years of age and over and eligible to purchase alcohol. The beverages will be delivered to the site just before the start of the event and will be removed the same night. A food permit has been obtained from the Health Department and an ACEC crowd manager will be deployed. The Police Department reported that it had no objection to the granting of the license requested, subject to the conditions in the department's written report. The Board acknowledged receipt of reports from the Building, Fire, and Health Departments, and voted to grant the license, subject to the conditions requested by the Police, Building, Fire, and Health Departments.

- Armenian Cultural Association/ ACEC 47 Nichols Ave Approved 2-0
December 31, 2018 One Day All Alcohol License/ New Year's Eve Celebration/Extended Hours

Armen Khachatourian appeared in support of the application. He reported that the event is a 35-year tradition and has been held since the building at Nichols Avenue was constructed. The expected attendance is approximately 280 persons. Tickets will be sold in advance, and bracelets will be issued at the door to those attendees who are 21 years old and over and eligible to purchase alcohol. The Police Department reported that it had no objection to the granting of the license requested, subject to the conditions in the department's written report. The Board acknowledged receipt of reports from the Building, Fire, and Health Departments, and voted to grant the license and

approve extended hours (bar closure at 1:00 a.m., and activities to end by 2:00 a.m.), subject to the conditions requested by the Police, Building, Fire, and Health Departments.

- La Casa De Pedro 343 Arsenal Street Approved 2-0
December 31, 2018 One Day All Alcohol License /NYE Gala /Extended Hours

Pedro Alarcon, president, appeared in support of the application. He stated that the event has been held for the past 10 years. Kitchen service will end at 11:00 p.m. The Police Department reported that it had no objection to the granting of the license requested, subject to the conditions in the department's written report. The Board acknowledged receipt of reports from the Building and Fire Departments, and voted to grant the license, subject to the conditions requested by the Police, Building, and Fire Departments.

3. Oakley Country Club
410 Belmont Street Approved 2-0
Alteration of Premise
4. Halfway Café Inc.
394 Main Street Approved 2-0
Change of Manager
5. Country Mile Food, Inc.
136 Belmont Street Approved 2-0
Extension of hours to include Sundays/Change of Officers & Directors LLC Managers
6. Kristen Sidiropoulos d/b/a Lilly's Café & Bakery
71 Arlington Street Approved 2-0
Common Victualer License
7. Taha Grill, Inc. d/b/a Jana Grill & Bakery
2 Watertown Street Continued to January 17, 2019
All Alcoholic Common Victualer License
8. Flaming Pit, LLC
222 Arsenal Street Approved 2-0
Adjustment of Seating Limit

Renewals:

- All Alcohol Common Victualer 6 Day **8**
- All Alcohol Common Victualer 7 Day **20**
- All Alcohol Package Goods **7**

- All Alcohol Club **8**
- Common Victualer **91**
- Wine & Malt Common Victualer 6 Day **1**
- Wine & Malt Common Victualer 7 Day **5** Approved 2-0
- Wine & Malt Package Goods **7**
- General on Premises/ All alcohol **1**
- BYOB **1**
- Innholders License **1**
- 24-Hour Opening **2**
- Sale of Food at Retail **3**
- Entertainment License 6 Day **12**
- Entertainment License 7 Day **5**
- Automatic Amusement Device **4**
- Music Box **3**
- Class I Auto Dealer **6**
- Class II Auto Dealer **13**

ALCV the following have renewed but are not open

- Maslow restaurant Concepts, Inc. d/b/a Strip T's Restaurant 93-95 School Street. The Board voted to renew this license subject to submission of a status report on any proposed transfer of the license and a status hearing, which will be held on February 21, 2019.

The All Alcohol General On Premises license of Cinemaworld of Florida, Inc. was renewed subject to payment of the 2018 license fee, which had not yet been paid. Counsel for the Board reported that, per a conversation with counsel for the licensee, it was anticipated that the 2018 fee would not be paid, and if that were the case the license could not be renewed and would terminate.

Start: 7:15
End: 9:15

Donna B. Doucette, Chairman

Present: Donna B. Doucette, Sandra Kasabian Hoffman,

The Oakley Country Club
410 Belmont Street
Watertown, MA 02472

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of the Oakley Country Club for approval of an alteration of its premises at 410 Belmont Street licensed for all alcohol club beverage service.

Abbie Pingitore, the club manager, appeared in support of the application together with an attorney for the licensee. An updated set of plans was presented, and counsel explained that a significant internal renovation of the clubhouse is proposed. The number of bar seats is not changing but the bar and service areas will be modified. The grill bar will become a service area, and that bar will be relocated to the members' lounge on the first floor. The function room bar will be moved to a foyer area on the first floor. The '19th hole' bar on the second floor will be relocated from a side to the middle of the room. Also, the existing storage area in the basement will be expanded. A 2,000 square foot addition is planned for the foyer area, with a new entrance way. There will be no loss of parking spaces. Counsel stated that the club is closed as of the week of December 17, with the plan of completing the work by end of April/early May, 2019.

The Board acknowledged receipt of an e-mail from a resident of 31 Flint Road expressing concern regarding the impact of noise from events at the club, and Chairman Doucette read the letter into the record. A resident of 468 Belmont Street, Vincent Stanton, presented a letter of objection regarding the hours of operation for the club's license. Chairman Doucette explained that the hours noted in the notice for the hearing are the currently approved hours; new hours are not being requested.

The Health Department reported that the applicant is engaged in the department's plan review process and that renovation of the kitchen has been conditionally approved.

Sgt. Grady stated that the Police Department had no objection to approval of the proposed alterations, provided that the condition stated above was imposed and that the 2,000 square foot addition was added to the licensed premises area. He also requested that the licensee be required to provide an accurate description of the square footage of the entire premises.

The Licensing Board voted unanimously to approve the alteration of premises, as described, subject to the following conditions:

1. All other conditions of the license shall remain in place.
2. The licensee shall submit to the Board exact area specifications for the licensed premises.

Halfway Café, Inc.
d/b/a Halfway Cafe
193 East Street
Dedham, MA 02026
Attention: John Grasso

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of Halfway Café, Inc. d/b/a Halfway Café for approval of a change of manager of its premises at 394-396 Main Street licensed for all alcohol common victualer service.

Kelly Forsyth, the proposed manager, appeared on behalf of the licensee. Ms. Forsyth stated she has been employed by Halfway Café for 15 years and is a general manager. She explained that the restaurant has hired some professional bartenders and now has a 90% new staff, and that all servers are TIPS certified. Ms. Forsyth has worked at all the Halfway Café locations, including a previous assignment in Watertown.

The Health Department reported that the applicant must update its application to reflect the change of manager and ensure that a certified food protection manager is on site during all hours of operation.

Sergeant Grady stated that the Police Department had no objection to the proposed change of manger, provided that the conditions stated in items 1 and 2 below were imposed.

The Licensing Board voted unanimously to approve Ms. Forsyth as manager, subject to the following conditions:

1. The new manager, Kelly Forsyth, shall ensure that all bartenders and servers of alcohol attend and successfully complete an alcohol awareness training program (e.g., TIPS) immediately upon hire or expiration of certification. Copies of all certifications shall be maintained by the licensee and made available upon request.
2. All other conditions of the license shall remain in place.
3. The licensee shall update its food service permit application to reflect the change of manager and ensure that a certified food protection manager is on site during all hours of operation.

Country Mile Food, LLC
136 Belmont Street
Watertown, MA 02472

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of Country Mile Food, LLC for approval of modification of the approved hours for its All Alcohol Common Victualer License exercised at 136 Belmont Street, and for approval of a change of managers of the limited liability company holding the license.

Attorney Tricia Farnsworth appeared in support of the application, together with Nancy Sargent, general manager, and Steven Robinson. Attorney Farnsworth stated that the restaurant opened one and a half months earlier and is now hoping to start brunch service for its customers, as well as to host an occasional private event for nights when the restaurant might normally be closed. The seating capacity is 34 seats, and all servers are TIPS certified.

Attorney Farnsworth explained that two additional persons will serve as managers of the LLC: Steven Robinson and Carol King, who will join Nancy Sargent and Matthew Sargent.

Sergeant Grady stated that the Police Department had no objection to the proposed change of LLC managers as presented.

The Licensing Board voted unanimously to approve a modification of hours as follows: Monday through Saturday 11:00 a.m. to midnight and Sunday 12 noon to midnight. The licensee may open the premises at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays for exercise of its Common Victualer License, but no alcohol service shall commence before noon.

Kristen Sidiropoulos
d/b/a Lilly's Café & Bakery
71 Arlington Street
Watertown, MA 02472

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of Kristen Sidiropoulos d/b/a Lilly's Café & Bakery for a Common Victualer License to be exercised at 71 Arlington Street.

Ms. Sidiropoulos appeared in support of the application. Ms. Sidiropoulos stated that she is taking over ownership of the bakery, which has been in her family for 30 years, as her parents are preparing to retire. She explained that she has been running the business for approximately 15 years.

Sgt. Grady stated that the Police Department had no objection to the granting of the license, provided that the conditions stated below were imposed.

The Health Department reported that the applicant was engaged in the department's plan review process.

The Zoning Enforcement Officer reported that no increase in the number of seats beyond the existing conditions may be made unless reviewed and approved by the zoning office.

The Licensing Board voted unanimously to grant a Common Victualer License, subject to the following conditions:

1. The description of the licensed premises is as follows: 1,300 square foot space with second floor storage, two bathrooms, two exits, and 18-foot frontage.
2. Seating will be limited to 20 persons as shown on the plan submitted (sketch plan received in the office of the Town Clerk on November 8, 2018).
3. The hours of operation shall be Monday through Sunday 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
4. There shall be no alcoholic beverages allowed on the licensed premises.

Tigran Yesayan, Manager
Flaming Pit, LLC
222 Arsenal Street
Watertown, MA 02472

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider a modification of your All Alcohol Common Victualer License and Common Victualer License exercised at 222 Arsenal Street. Your application for a license was approved by the Board on February 15, 2018. The license as approved set the seating limit at 50 persons. However, the Board was subsequently notified by the Watertown Building Department that the certificate of occupancy being issued for the premises stated a different maximum occupancy. By law, that is the legal occupancy limit. Therefore, that is the occupancy limit that applies to your premises. The Licensing Board voted to modify the license to set the seating limit as verified by the Building Department, per the certificate of occupancy, for both the All Alcohol Common Victualer License and your Common Victualer License. That number is 45 seats. This Notice of Action will constitute the written modification.

Taha Grill, Inc.
d/b/a Jana Grill & Bakery
2 Watertown Street
Watertown, MA 02472

Notice is hereby given that the Watertown Licensing Board has continued its hearing on the application of Taha Grill, Inc. d/b/a Jana Grill & Bakery for an All Alcohol Common Victualer License to be exercised at 2 Watertown Street. The application was originally scheduled for hearing on December 20, 2018, and was continued at the request of the applicant. The continued hearing on this application will be held on January 17, 2019 at 7:15 p.m. in the Philip Pane Hearing Room, Administration Building, 149 Main Street, Watertown, MA.